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**CURRENT ASSIGNMENT since December 2010:**

**AMBASSADOR PLENIPOTENTIARY AND EXTRAORDINARY AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, KENYA MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS – NEW YORK**

Special assignments at the United Nations:

- President UN General Assembly Bureau of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
- Co-Chair Ad Hoc Group on Forest Financing
- Co-Facilitator UNGA NEPAD Working Group
- Co-Facilitator IFSD Rio+20 Friends Group

**AMBASSADOR PLENIPOTENTIARY AND EXTRAORDINARY AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNITED NATIONS OFFICE NAIROBI, NAIROBI**

Triple Accreditation:

Kenya Permanent Mission to United Nations Office Nairobi

Kenya Permanent Mission to United Nations Environment Programme

Kenya Permanent Mission to United Nations HABITAT

**UNITED NATIONS TRACK RECORD 1986 to 2008:**

16 Years in Senior Leadership and Management at UNDP and UNICEF

7 Years United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Representative (Botswana, Rwanda)

6 Years United Nations Children Fund Representative (Eastern Caribbean, South Africa)

3 Years Chief, UN and External Relations, Office of Executive Director, UNICEF HQ, New York

24 Years Total in Political, Development and Policy Work, Strategic Planning, Negotiation, UN

Reform, Senior and Mid-level Assignments in UNDP, UNICEF and UNTAG

Designated United Nations Official for Safety and Security in Rwanda and South Africa

United Nations representative Technical Support Secretariat Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria

Permanent delegate on the UN Team on the UN Conference for Great Lakes countries

Co-Chair of Development Partner Donors Group in Rwanda working on PRSP implementation

Policy and Programme Advisor to Rwanda on NEPAD through UNDP

Professional Experience in Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America

**KEY STRATEGIC SKILLS:** International Relations and Negotiations, Political and Development Affairs, Extensive Skills in People Management and Leadership, Talent Identification and Supervision, High Level Interactions (Head of State, Ministerial, Head of Agencies and CEO levels) Change and Reform Management, Training and Capacity Building Negotiation, Legislative Reform and Lobbying, Planning, Communication Expertise and Fundraising. Oratory and Speech Writing.

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## **CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE:**

- Africa Advisor, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA
- Communication and Strategic Advisor, UNAIDS, Southern Africa Regional Office, South Africa
- Advocacy and Leadership Advisor, UNAIDS, Southern Africa Office, South Africa
- African Child Policy Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Senior Associate, Africa Policy Institute, Pretoria, South Africa

## **EDUCATION:**

- 1971 – 1976: O Levels, Lenana School, A Levels, Upper Hill School, Nairobi, Kenya
- 1978- 1982: College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, USA. A.B. History and Economics
- 1982- 1983: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, Ed.M. Admin and Planning
- 1998: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Executive Programme on Macro Economic Policy and Management.

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## **Full Career and Professional Experience**

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### **January 2009 to December 2010**

#### **Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary and Permanent Representative**

Triple Accreditation:

- Kenya Permanent Mission to United Nations Office Nairobi
- Kenya Permanent Mission United Nations Environment Programme
- Kenya Permanent Mission United Nations HABITAT

#### **Main Functions:**

- Chief Advisor to Government of Kenya on governance and programme with accredited organizations
- Representative on governing bodies of UNEP and UN-Habitat
- Strategic Advisor on Climate Change, Environmental Governance and Biodiversity
- Strategic Advisor on bilateral matters including special political and strategic assignments

### **August 2008 – March 2009**

#### **Multiple concurrent roles as consultant:**

- Africa Advisor, Global Development Dept., Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA
- Advocacy and Leadership Advisor, UNAIDS, East and Southern Africa
- Independent Consultant: African Child Policy Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Senior Associate, Africa Policy Institute, Pretoria, South Africa
- Senior Advisor, Community Innovations (Pty) Ltd. Pretoria, South Africa
- Proprietor, KUDUMU, Executive Leadership Solutions (Pty) Ltd., Cape Town, South Africa

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**Main Functions:**

Strategic advisor and policy analyst on leadership, advocacy and programme management  
Undertaking technical assessment of leadership and management practice of clients  
Provide hands on advisory support services to institutes and company clients  
Represent clients in meetings and conferences on leadership and programme management

**June 2005 – July 2008**

**UNICEF Country Representative, South Africa Country Office, Pretoria, South Africa**

- Management of Country Office and Policy and Programme oversight
- Programme oversight focus on middle-income country policy and technical needs support
- Programme Planning in Child Health, HIV and AIDS, Education and Social Policy and Strategic budgetary leveraging

**Key Corporate Deliverables:** Meet government expectations of support to middle income country on policy, technical and programme needs. Revitalise resource stream and funding for UNICEF programmes. Promote the UNICEF brand in the context of corporate and high net worth individuals.

**January 2008 – July 2008**

**Acting United Nations Resident Coordinator and Designated Official for Safety and Security South Africa.**

**Key Corporate Deliverables** Manage and convene United Nations Country Team, Oversee UN Evaluation Group evaluation of Government/United Nations activities.

**September 2002 – April 2005**

**United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Kigali, Rwanda**

- Responsible for and exercise team leadership in the coordination of UN operational activities for development
- Designated Official for Safety and Security in Rwanda
- Permanent delegate on the UN Team on the UN Conference for Great Lakes countries
- Co-Chair (with the Minister of Finance) of Development Partner Donors Group in Rwanda
- Policy and Programme Advisor to Rwanda on NEPAD
- Programme oversight for UNDP Country Programme focusing on Reconstruction, Environment, Economic Planning, Poverty Alleviation, HIV and AIDS, Gender and Social Policy

**Key Corporate Deliverables:** Team leader for UN reform in Rwanda, Donor Group coordination and leadership, UNDP Country Office restructuring and re-alignment; Drive for 100% increase in country office programme income. Provide support to UN Great Lakes political affairs engagement.

**May 2002 – August 2002**

**United Nations Representative and Technical Advisor, Technical Support Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium**

- Appointed by Secretary General as United Nations representative and Technical Advisor on the Technical Support Secretariat (TSS) charged with team responsibility to set up the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria

**Key Corporate Deliverables:** Set up Global Fund, bring multilateral development experience and expertise to bear on fund development process.

**August 1998 – May 2002**

**United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Gaborone, Botswana**

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- Responsible for and exercise team leadership in the coordination of UN Operational activities for development
- Country office management and programme oversight
- Focus on HIV and AIDS, Environment, Economic Planning and Social Policy
- Negotiated and fund raiser for the building of United Nations joint premises in Gaborone. Saw project to completion and occupancy
- Appointed by UNDP Administrator as team member for UNDP Advisor Team on HIV and AIDS

**Key Corporate Deliverables:** Champion UN programs and achieved presidential executive directive on HIV and AIDS as national emergency; lead UN country team Botswana; doubled income of UNDP Country Office and expand programme footprint and technical support to respond to country needs.

#### **January 1996 – August 1998**

##### **Area Representative, UNICEF: Caribbean Area Office, Bridgetown, Barbados**

- Responsible for Policy and Programme oversight throughout the English-speaking Caribbean, 14 Island countries and Guyana and Suriname on Latin American mainland
- Liaised with multiple Heads of State and government in 14 Caribbean countries
- Special small Island countries programme required targeted advocacy and programming skills.
- Multiple country programmes focus on targeted Poverty alleviation, HIV and AIDS, Education, Social Policy and economic planning and child rights
- Appointed by UNICEF Executive Director to team on “Management Excellence” reform for UNICEF Latin America and the Caribbean region
- Initiated and negotiated UN common premises with government project completed

**Key Corporate Deliverable:** Revitalize UNICEF presence in Caribbean; Mainstream child rights in development policies of Caribbean government, Increased UNICEF income by 75% during tour.

#### **April 1993 – December 1995**

##### **Senior Officer: Office of the Executive Director, UNICEF, New York, New York, USA**

- Chief Technical Officer to the Special Advisor to the Executive Director on UN Reform and Inter Agency Affairs.
- Focal Point for UN interagency negotiation on UN Reform in the context of GA subsidiary committee, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> committee of General Assembly and ECOSOC
- Focal Point for UN and Inter Agency Affairs in the context of Organisational Committee of the Administrative and Coordination Committee and JNSP in NY, Geneva, Rome, Paris, Austria, Nairobi
- Member of Inter Agency Technical Team on UN Reform

**Key Corporate Deliverable:** Participate and advise on negotiations on UN Reform, develop technical material to facilitate process; backstop GA and ECOSOC functions.

#### **July 1991 – March 1993**

##### **Social Mobilization and Education Officer; UNICEF, Windhoek, Namibia**

- Planning and implementation of information and social mobilization in programme
- Planning and implementation of Education programme
- Focal Point for Emergency programme for Country Office
- Advocacy of Child Survival and Development objectives and policies with government and civil society

**Key Corporate Deliverable:** Advocate and provide technical support for child survival and development policies and programmes with newly installed independent government

#### **June 1989 – June 1991**

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**Information Officer, United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), Windhoek, Namibia**

- Provide support to UNTAG spokesperson on matters related to UNICEF
- Collect and disseminate information on children and UNICEF related issues during transition period
- Supervise preparation of documentation on UNTAG and UNICEF for media and civil society
- Assist in media corp management and backstopping for UNTAG and UNICEF during transition

**August 1987 – May 1989**

**Information and Communication Officer, UNICEF, Lusaka, Zambia**

- Planning and implementation of social mobilization and communication programme
- Responsible for information and media outreach for country office responsible for
- Preparation and drafting of communication and information for dissemination with government, NGOs and civil society
- Advocacy and technical support for fundraising promotion of child survival policies

**1988 – Short term Assignment**

**Special Emergency Assignment, Information Officer, Operation Lifeline Sudan, Lokichokio, Kenya**

- Information and media management for Sudan emergency
- Preparation and drafting of communication and information for dissemination with media and local civil society for emergency response
- Support UNICEF fundraising initiative for emergency in Southern Sudan

**January 1985- August 1987**

**Programme Communication and Social Mobilization Consultant, UNICEF, East and Southern Africa Regional Office, Nairobi, Kenya**

- Technical backstopping for countries in East and Southern Africa on Social Communication information and advocacy
- Drafting and production of communication material to support programmes in East and Southern African Countries
- UNICEF ESARO communication and social mobilization advisor UNICEF Iringa Project, Tanzania

**January 1984 – December 1984 Marketing Representative, Rank Xerox Kenya Limited**

**Papers, Articles, Interviews, Speeches**

- Jomo Kenyatta and the Mau Mau Revolt -Independent Study- 1981
- A Critical Analysis of the Nigerian Civil War – History Graduation Thesis1992
- The Economic Determinants of Growth in Kenya 1962 – 1979 – Graduation Research -1982
- Agrarian Reform and Development: The Ethiopian Experience – Masters Graduation Thesis1983
- Africa Under Stress internal co-editor, UNICEF publication 1985
- Social Policy and Child Rights in the Caribbean co-edited – 1997
- Gender and Development: A theoretical Architecture – internal discussion document– 2000
- Numerous newspaper opinion pieces

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- Over 12 years of speeches and interviews on average once every 8-10 weeks.

**Languages**

Kikuyu, Kiswahili, English, French [rudimentary]

**Personal Data**

***Date of Birth:*** 03 March 1958

***Nationality:*** Kenya

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